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Ketchum Administrative Site, West Warehouse  
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1357)  
Sawtooth National Forest  
117 and 119 River Street  
Ketchum  
Blaine County  
Idaho

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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Western Region  
Department of the Interior  
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**PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

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**A. Physical History**

1. **Date(s) of erection:** Built in calendar year 1933.
2. **Architect:** George L. Nichols.
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1933-1992; City of Ketchum, 1992-present.
4. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** Sources of funding for the original construction (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b) were as follow:

<u>Costs</u>	<u>F.Y. 1933</u>	<u>F.Y. 1934</u>	<u>F.Y. 1935</u>
ECF	\$177.65	\$1226.77	
Impnira		64.00	
CCC Labor		188.75	
Other		196.55	
Funds			
Total	\$177.65	\$1676.07	

5. **Original plans and construction:** R4-33 with alterations.
6. **Alterations and additions:** Original doors have been removed and replaced with siding on the north and south sides of the building. A June, 1965 photograph depicts the south side of the building with the door removed (Anonymous n.d.a).

**B. Historical Context:** The building was constructed in 1933 and served as a general warehouse in the Ketchum District Administrative Site until the administrative site was exchanged out of federal ownership in October, 1992.

**PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

**A. General Statement**

1. **Architectural character:** The structure is typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Intermountain Region.

2. Condition of fabric: Structurally sound.

## B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: 24' x 65'

2. Foundations: Concrete.

3. Walls. Exterior walls have novelty siding, painted white with Nile green trim.

4. Structural System, framing: 2" x 4" wood stud and braced framing.

5. Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads: None.

6. Chimneys: None.

7. Openings:

a. **Doorways and doors:** Originally there were two large garage-type doors on the south side of the building, one into each of the two rooms. Each of these large doors had a smaller inner door. The western of these two doors has since been replaced with siding and three 6-pane windows. There was one large door on the north side of the shop so as to allow trucks to pass directly through the shop. This has been replaced with siding and a horizontal, 12-pane, sliding window. Of the original doors, two garage-type doors in the west wall still are present, and one garage-type, with a small standard door in it, remains in the south wall.

b. **Windows and shutters:** Seven 6-pane, fixed-sash windows, and one 12-pane, horizontal slider are present in the north wall; three 6-pane t, fixed windows are in east wall; and eight 6-pane, fixed sash windows are in the south wall.

8. Roof:

a. **Shape, covering:** The roof is gabled, with 2" x 6" rafters, 1" x 6" sheathing, and wood shingles, painted green.

b. **Cornice, eaves:** Cornices are open, with dripping eaves.

c. **Dormers, cupolas, towers:** None.

## C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans:

a. **Easement:** None.

**b. First floor:** The building originally was partitioned into two rooms. A work shop 24' x 24' was in the east end of the building and was used as a blacksmith and repair shop. The other room, which was 24' x 41' was used for storage of tools and equipment. At present there is no partition in this building; the interior is a single large room. Most recently, Forest Service fire engines and firefighting equipment were kept at the west end. Along the walls in the other part of the interior there are cabinets and bins for miscellaneous tools, equipment, and parts.

**c. Second floor:** None.

**2. Stairways:** None.

**3. Flooring:** Originally the work shop had a concrete floor with a 3 1/2' x 5' work pit. The work pit has since been filled in. In 1935 the tool and equipment storage room still had a dirt floor, but a concrete floor was planned for it, and concrete is present today.

**4. Wall and ceiling finish:** Originally the work shop was ceiled and lined with a beaded ceiling. This remains today. The beads run horizontally on the walls. The ceiling is painted white, and the walls light green.

**5. Openings:**

**a. Doorways and doors:** None

**b. Windows:** None.

**6. Decorative features and trim:** None.

**7. Hardware:** None notable.

**8. Mechanical equipment:**

**a. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation:** There is no heat or air conditioning.

**b. Lighting:** Originally both rooms of this building were wired for lights and the shop room was wired for power. Present lighting is with incandescent bulbs.

**c. Plumbing:** There is no sewer or water.

#### **D. Site**

**1. General setting and orientation:** This structure is located at the northwest corner of the compound, with the long axis of the building running east-west. See attached site plan.

2. **Historic landscape design:** See "Historical Sketch of the Ketchum Administrative Site," above.

3. **Outbuildings:** Seven other structures are a part of this complex. Each is documented separately.

### **PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

A. **Original Architectural Drawings:** Attached hereto is Standard Plan R4-33A (from Anonymous 1935), from which plans for the West Warehouse were customized.

B. **Early Views:** One photo of this structure taken shortly after it was completed is in Anonymous n.d.a. A June, 1965 photo (with negative) is on file at the Ketchum District office.

C. **Interviews:** None

#### **D. Bibliography**

##### **1. Primary and unpublished sources:**

Anonymous

1935 *Building Construction Manual*, revised edition. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Region Four.

n.d.a "Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Large binder containing site plans, building descriptions, and photographs from the mid-1930's].

n.d.b "Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Ketchum building descriptions to 1939].

Berry, Arthur H.

1934 [February 26, 1934 letter to Forest Supervisor describing construction of "Ketchum R. S. Shop," which is the "Ketchum West Warehouse" of the present documentation].

Nichols, George L.

1946 *Building Construction Handbook*. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region.

##### **2. Secondary and published sources:** None.

E. **Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated:** Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. **Supplemental Material:** Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, June 15, 1989. Drawings and floor plan by Richard T. Malouf, September, 1992.

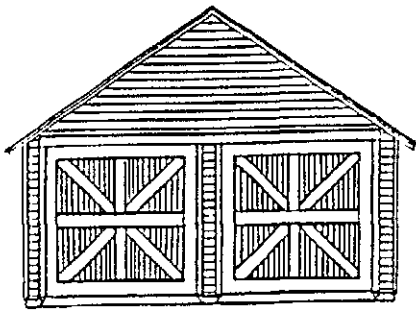
#### **IV. PROJECT INFORMATION**

##### **A. Purpose of Documentation**

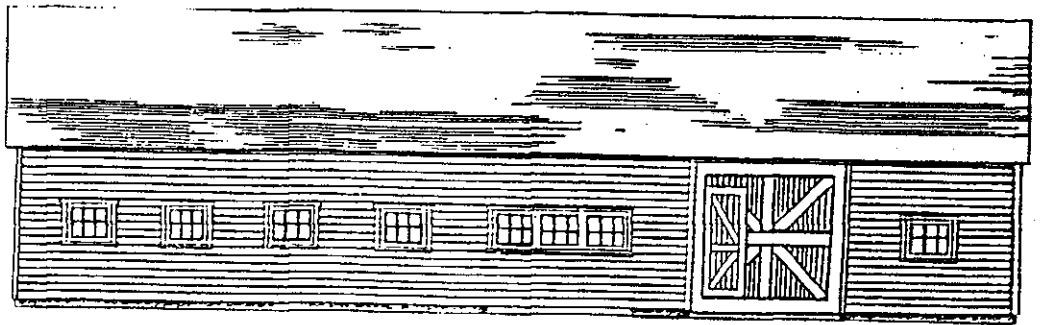
1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

##### **B. Report Preparation**

2. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September-October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.

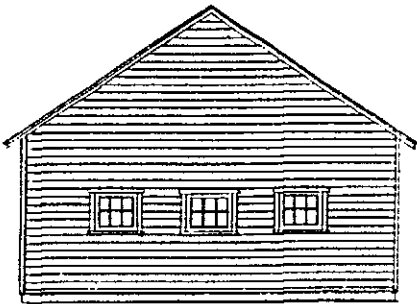


WEST WALL

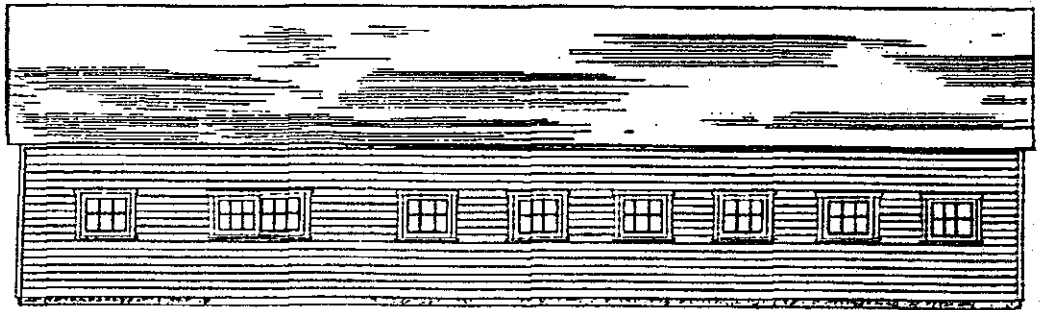


SOUTH WALL

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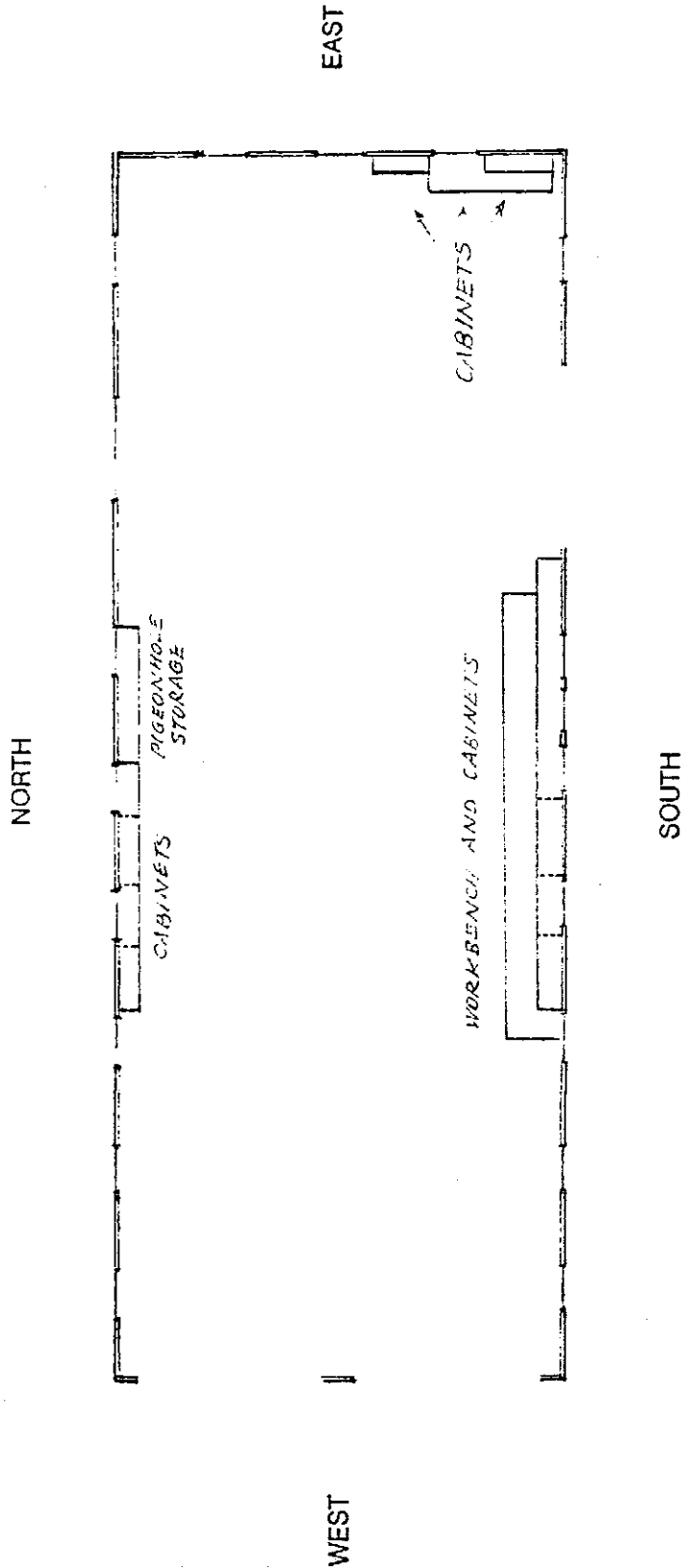
EAST WALL



NORTH WALL

SCALE: 1" = 12'

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FLOOR PLAN, SEPTEMBER, 1992